(c) whether the Government will allocate funds to such States at the earliest for the implementation of this programme and whether any final date is likely to be fixed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). The funds under MPLADS are released directly to the District Collectors. Orders have already been issued sanctioning Rs.50 lakh per MP as first instalment for the year 1996-97. The actual release of funds for this year is regulated having due regard to available unspent balances with the Collectors.

Funds have been released in many cases on the basis of the requisitions received from the Collectors. The remaining cases, funds have not been released for reasons such as non-receipt of requisition from Collectors, availability of substantial unspent balance etc. Further release are being expedited. However, it is not practical to prescribe a time limit for release of funds because it depends upon the Collectors furnishing the requisite information.

*[English]*

**World Bank Assistance**

70. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any meeting was held during the recent visit of World Bank President in New Delhi with the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the projects Ministry is contemplating to get World Bank assistance; and

(d) the number out of them which are in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) One proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for the Bombay Urban Infrastructure Project has been posed to the World Bank for financial assistance. Besides this project proposal, Bank assistance in a few more projects relating to water supply and sanitation,. The details of these projects are in the enclosed statement.

(d) No project in West Bengal has been proposed for World Bank assistance so far.

**STATEMENT**

*List of Urban Water Supply & Sanitation Projects contemplated for World Bank Assistance*

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| 1. | II Hyderabad Water Supply & Sewerage project | Rs. 640.00 crores |
| 2. | III Madras Water Supply & Sanitation project | Rs. 1105.190 crores |
| 3. | Jaipur Water Supply & Sanitation project | Rs. 442.40 Crores |
| 4. | Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation Project | Rs. 283.47 Crores |
| 5. | Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Project II | Rs. 863.0 Crores |
| 6. | Bombay IV-Middle Vaitarna Water Supply Project | Rs. 570 to Rs.936 Crores |
| 7. | New Gujarat Water Supply Project (Mehsana) | Rs. 583.18 Crores |
| 8. | Augmentation of Water Supply & Sewerage Scheme for Nagpur. | Rs. 1941.165 Crores |

*[Translation]*

**World Bank Loan to Power Projects**

71. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state :

(a) the total loans received from the World Bank for the improvement and development of power sector in Bihar;

(b) whether the said loans have been fully utilised;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the Navinagar Thermal Power Projects is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). World Bank has sanctioned a loan of US $ 1.5 million to Bihar to undertake diagnostic studies for reforming/restructuring its power sector with the help of international consultants. An amount of US $ 0.17 million has been utilised upto 30.9.1996.

(d) Nabinagar Thermal Power Project is being presently posed for development as a Mega Power Project through the private sector. The commissioning schedule could be indicated only on award of project and financial closure.